

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for puncturing a patient's skin comprising a sleeve, a push element mounted on one end of the sleeve, a piston with a puncturing tip slidably mounted inside the sleeve, and a drive spring positioned between the face of the push element and the piston, ~~characterised by that~~ wherein at the other end of the sleeve ~~(1)~~ an indicating-adjusting member ~~(26)~~, comprising an opening ~~(27)~~ for the puncturing tip ~~(8)~~ and comprising inwardly directed stair shaped limited members ~~(28, 29)~~, which are hit in operation by the fin ~~(7)~~ of the piston ~~(5)~~, is mounted turnably with respect to the axis of the sleeve ~~(1)~~, wherein the indicating-adjusting member ~~(26)~~ has at least one indicator ~~(30, 31)~~ of the pre-set puncturing depth located in a circumferential groove ~~(32)~~ in the lower part of the sleeve ~~(1)~~ with external cut-outs ~~(33, 34, 35)~~.
2. (Currently Amended) A device according to the claim 1, wherein the external cut-outs ~~(33, 34, 35)~~ in the sleeve ~~(1)~~ have different widths.
3. (Currently Amended) A device for puncturing a patient's skin comprising a sleeve, a push element mounted on one end of the sleeve, a piston with a puncturing tip slidably mounted inside the sleeve, and a drive spring positioned between the face of the push element and the piston, ~~characterized by that~~ wherein the push element ~~(2)~~ comprises a turnably mounted therein

puncturing force adjusting member ~~(38)~~, which comprises an inwardly directed pair of oblique half-ring members ~~(39, 40)~~ pressing ~~the push rod (6)~~ of the piston ~~(5)~~ in operation.

4. (Currently Amended) A device for puncturing a patient's skin comprising a sleeve, a push element mounted on one end of the sleeve, a piston with a puncturing tip slidably mounted inside the sleeve, and a drive spring positioned between the face of the push element and the piston, ~~characterized by that~~ wherein the push element ~~(2)~~ comprises a turnably mounted therein puncturing force adjusting member ~~(38)~~, which comprises inwardly directed stair shaped members ~~(42, 43)~~ pressing ~~the push rod (6)~~ of the piston ~~(5)~~ in operation.

5. (New) The device of claim 1, the at least one indicator comprising a protrusion protruding from the indicating-adjusting member in a direction parallel to the axis of the sleeve.

6. (New) The device of claim 1, the lower part of the sleeve comprising an inner wall and outer wall that define the circumferential groove.

7. (New) The device of claim 1, the at least one indicator being is visible through the cut-outs.

8. (New) The device of claim 3, the piston having a wing resting on an edge of the sleeve, the wing configured to prevent the piston from sliding through the sleeve, the drive spring compressed until the inwardly directed pair of oblique half-ring members press the piston

sufficiently enough to break the wing, at which point the drive spring expands and drives the piston.

9. (New) The device of claim 3, the puncturing force adjusting member adjusting a distance within which the drive spring is compressed when the inwardly directed pair of oblique half-ring members press the piston.

10. (New) The device of claim 4, the piston having a wing resting on an edge of the sleeve, the wing configured to prevent the piston from sliding through the sleeve, the drive spring compressed until the inwardly directed stair shaped members press the piston sufficiently enough to break the wing, at which point the drive spring expands and drives the piston.

11. (New) The device of claim 4, the puncturing force adjusting member adjusting a distance within which the drive spring is compressed when the inwardly stair shaped members press the piston.

12. (New) A puncturing device for regulating force of puncture comprising:

a sleeve having a first end and second end, and defining a sleeve axis;

an adjustable push element located at the first end of the sleeve;

a piston slidably mounted within the sleeve, the piston having a wing configured to rest on an edge of the sleeve and prevent the piston from sliding through the sleeve, and the piston having a puncturing tip on a side of the piston opposite to the first end of the sleeve; and

a drive spring within the sleeve and compressed between the adjustable push element and the piston,

the adjustable push element having a member that extends in a direction parallel to the sleeve axis and is configured to press the piston,

the adjustable push element configured to change the distance between the adjustable push element and the piston at which the member presses the piston, and

the drive spring being compressed until the member presses the piston sufficiently enough to break the wing, at which point the drive spring expands and drives the piston toward the second end of the sleeve.

13. (New) The device of claim 12, the adjustable push element having an inside face from which the member extends, the member having an edge opposite to the inside face, and the edge having a gradient such that the distance between the inside face and the edge varies.

14. (New) The device of claim 13, the adjustable push element being turnably mounted on the sleeve, and wherein turning the adjustable push element causes a different portion of the edge of the member to press the piston.

15. (New) The device of claim 12, the member comprising a pair of oblique half-ring members.

16. (New) The device of claim 12, the member comprising stair shaped members.

17. (New) The device of claim 12, the wing configured to rest on an upper edge of the sleeve.

18. (New) The device of claim 12, the piston having a second wing configured to rest on an edge of the sleeve.

19. (New) The device of claim 12, the piston comprising a central body, a push rod on a side of the central body proximate to the first end of the sleeve, and a fin on a side of the central body proximate the second end of the sleeve, wherein the member of the adjustable push element presses on the push rod.